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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, October 27, 1998

APPLICATION OF

GTE SOUTH, INC.

CASE NO. PUC980101

To implement extended local
service from its Grundy
exchange to Bell Atlantic-
Virginia, Inc.'s Honaker
exchange

FINAL ORDER

On July 1, 1998, GTE South, Inc. ("GTE" or "the Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to the provisions of § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia. GTE proposed to notify its Grundy exchange subscribers of the increases in monthly rates that would be necessary to extend their local service to include the Honaker exchange of Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc. ("BA-VA"). Customers in the Honaker exchange had previously petitioned the Commission for local calling to Grundy. In a poll conducted in response to the petition, the majority of Honaker customers responding to the poll supported paying higher rates for local calling to Grundy. A poll of Grundy subscribers in response to this application was not required under § 56-484.2(A) of the Code of Virginia because the proposed rate increase for one-party

residential customers did not exceed five percent (5%) of the existing monthly one-party residential rate.

By Order dated July 17, 1998, the Commission directed GTE to publish notice of the proposed increase. Affected telephone customers were given until September 30, 1998, to file comments or request a hearing on the proposal. No comments or requests for hearing were received.

On September 1, 1998, GTE filed proof of notice as required by the Commission's July 17, 1998 Order.

On October 15, 1998, the Commission Staff submitted its report regarding the Company's application. The Staff recommended that GTE's application to implement extended local service from its Grundy exchange into BA-VA's Honaker exchange be approved. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The proposed extension of local service from GTE's Grundy exchange to BA-VA's Honaker exchange shall be implemented.

(2) GTE shall file the tariff revisions necessary for the proposed extension of local service.

(3) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this docket is closed and the papers filed herein shall be placed in the file for ended causes.